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## **Boston African American NHS Press Release**

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### **A Seminar for “History Nuts:” A Decade of Division and Decision**

**WHAT:** Study and discussion for this seminar will be the decade of the 1850s, during which time the states, North and South, moved through a series of events which led the nation into the Civil War. A specific focus will be on the divisions and decisions in Boston, epitomized by the “North” and “South” slopes of Beacon Hill.

**WHEN:** Wednesday evenings, February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31,  
(Sessions will begin at 5:30 and end at 7:30 p.m.)

**WHERE:** 14 Beacon Street, Suite 401, Boston, MA

This is not a lecture series. Participants will be expected to select and read from one of two lists of source material relevant to the study. Each person will be encouraged to do individual research, to share insights, and to discuss their findings in the seminar. Registration for the seminar assumes an intention to attend all sessions.

Guiding the seminar will be NPS Ranger Horace Seldon.

Registration is required by February 10, 2010. Numbers will be limited. For those who have not participated in a previous seminar, please submit a brief statement about what motivates your interest. After registration, participants will be asked to indicate research they will do, choosing from a list of resources which will be sent to them.

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